

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
2430/115

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of inventor(s) JOHN H. JAKSCH entitled TABBER APPARATUS AND METHOD, for a(n):☐ Original Patent Application.☒ Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

- ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) ☐ Regular Filing of Provisional of prior Application Serial No. 09/523,400 filed on March 10, 2000.
- ☒ A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification; 29 Total Pages (including title page) ☒ Drawing(s); 14 Total Sheet(s).
- ☒ Signed Declaration
- ☐ A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- ☐ Signed. ☐ Unsigned. ☐ Partially Signed.
- ☐ A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- ☐ Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).
- ☐ Power of Attorney. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney. ☐ A Check in the amount of \$ for the Filing Fee.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).
- ☐ Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity.
- ☐ Copy, Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity filed in prior application (status still proper and desired).
- ☒ Other: Assignment cover sheet and Assignment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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